

DIVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE BLIND  
2010 Public Forum Needs Assessment

In an effort to gather input and information, which will be used by the Division of Services for the Blind (DSB) to develop goals and priorities for our 2011 Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) State Plan and State Plan for Supported Employment, we would appreciate your willingness to take a few minutes to respond to this short questionnaire. We are seeking input from current consumers of VR services from DSB, past consumers, interested family and friends, stakeholders and the general public. Please return the survey by Friday, April 16, 2010 to:

Division of Services for the Blind  
Attention: Public Forum / Kandy Cayce  
700 Main Street – S101  
Little Rock, AR 72201

1. Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a:

DSB Consumer: \_\_\_\_\_ (currently receiving services from DSB or have received services in the past.)

DSB Staff: \_\_\_\_\_ (currently employed with DSB)

Stakeholder: \_\_\_\_\_ (involved with DSB on a regular basis) with

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Organization.)

General Public: \_\_\_\_\_ (includes friends and family members interested in Services for the Blind and wishing to provide input)

2. Are you a person with a disability: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Low Vision: \_\_\_\_\_

Blind: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Minority: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

4. Age Range: 14-21 \_\_\_\_\_ 22-30 \_\_\_\_\_ 31-40 \_\_\_\_\_

41-50 \_\_\_\_\_ 51-60 \_\_\_\_\_ 61-70 \_\_\_\_\_ 70+ \_\_\_\_\_

5. What are the greatest needs in Vocational Rehabilitation services which can be provided by the Division of Services for the Blind? (list your top three in order of importance. Examples: training, assistive technology, cane travel, instruction in

techniques of daily living, low vision services, transportation, job search and placement, etc.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Are all geographical areas in the state being adequately served, including rural areas?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ If No, please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Are the current outreach and delivery of services provided by the Division of Services for the Blind adequately meeting the needs of minorities and persons from culturally diverse communities? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ If No, please identify the minority or culturally diverse community not being adequately served:

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8. Are Stakeholders, families, community based organizations, local Workforce centers, community rehabilitation programs and consumer groups being utilized effectively in identifying and meeting the needs of individuals who are blind or visually impaired?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ If No, please explain:

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#### COMMENTS

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